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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Mitsuhiro NISHINA, et al.

Application No.: 10/577,222 ✓

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For: EXHAUST GAS PURIFYING  
APPARATUS AND EXHAUST  
GAS PURIFYING METHOD OF  
AN ENGINE

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: Examiner: Binh Q. Tran

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2007, the period for response to which having been extended for one month from January 31, 2008, to February 29, 2008. Claims 1 to 17 are currently in the application, of which Claims 1, 15 and 17 are the independent claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 2 to 8 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. As discussed below, Applicants believe that all claims in the application are in condition for allowance and therefore have not rewritten any of Claims 2 to 8 in independent form at this time.

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